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- 1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BEIL VISIT AND US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING MAY BE SHARED WITH OTHER ECONADS AT JUNE 9 MEETING DURING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM I.
- 2. BEIL VISIT. GERHARD BEIL, GDR STATE SECRETARY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN TRADE, WILL LEAD A GDR DELEGATION TO THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PRIVATE US-GDR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON JUNE 14-17. IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING THE COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS, BEIL WILL CALL ON SEVERAL EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS. AT THE COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS, BEIL WILL PRESS HARD FOR THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE.

3. US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING. TRADE AND COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION BEGIN IN WASHINGTON JUNE 6 AND WILL CONTINUE INTO THE WEEK OF JUNE 13.

THE MEETINGS INVOLVE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS DURING THE FIRST WEEK, INCLUDING THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION CO-CHAIRED BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL AND SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE NICOLAI S. PATOLICHEV. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA KREPS IS VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE US DELEGATION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED STATES PRIVATE BUSINESS AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS--THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL--MEET JUNE 13, WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, WHO IS AN HONORARY DIRECTOR, ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL AT ITS OPENING SESSION.

THE COMMERCIAL COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972
TO PROMOTE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE
COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 TO IMPROVE TRADE
RELATIONS. IT HAS MORE THAN 200 US CORPORATIONS AND
115 SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS.

THE US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS MET JUNE 6 AND 7 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO EXCHANGE INFORLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATION AND FORECASTS OF BASIC ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS, AND TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR FURTHER EXCHANGES. TREASURY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS ANTHONY M. SOLOMON AND SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ALEKSEY N. MANZHULO ARE CO-CHAIRMEN. THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974 UNDER THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9, FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND MINISTER PATOLICHEV, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS WILL REVIEW THE PRESENT STATUS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL WILL BE GIVEN BY THE COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT. HAROLD SCOTT.

WORKING UNITS WILL MEET IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9
AND THE MORNING OF JUNE 10. ONE OF THESE GROUPS
WILL DISCUSS MEASURES TO FACILITATE EFFORTS OF AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN IN THE SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET COMMERCIAL
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. ANOTHER GROUP WILL
DISCUSS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING PROJECTS
IN THE SOVIET UNION INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF
US FIRMS, AND THE RELATED PROBLEMS OF FINANCING AND
LONG-TERM INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, WILL INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS. LATER THAT DAY SECRETARIES BLUMENTHAL AND KREPS WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE. VANCE

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